



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB0497

Introduced 1/27/2005, by Rep. Gary Hannig

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/4.5 new

Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. Provides that, subject to appropriations for that purpose, the Department shall fund 2 service officer positions for each veterans service organization that maintains an office in the Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO) in Chicago. Provides that a service officer whose position is funded under these provisions shall be an employee of the veterans service organization with which the service officer is placed, and the service officer shall be under the direct control of that veterans service organization. Provides that such a service officer must be certified by the federal government in the manner in which the head service officer of each office is certified. Provides that to be eligible to receive any moneys for the funding of a service officer position under these provisions, a veterans service organization must have maintained a state headquarters in this State for at least 10 years before July 1, 2005. Provides that a veterans service organization that is being funded with State or county moneys under any other provision of law on the effective date of this amendatory Act may not receive any moneys for the funding of a service officer position under these provisions.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 4.5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/4.5 new)

7 Sec. 4.5. Service officers in VARO, Chicago.

8 (a) Subject to appropriations for that purpose, the  
9 Department shall fund 2 service officer positions for each  
10 veterans service organization that maintains an office in the  
11 Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO) in Chicago. The level  
12 of funding for each such service officer position shall be  
13 based on the base pay, retirement benefits, and medical  
14 benefits of a service officer who, on the effective date of  
15 this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, is paid a  
16 salary of \$35,000 per year. The total package of salary and  
17 benefits for each such service officer position may not exceed  
18 \$50,000 per year, however. Increases in salary for each such  
19 service officer position shall be based on increases in salary,  
20 if any, paid to other Department service officers.

21 (b) A service officer whose position is funded under this  
22 Section shall be an employee of the veterans service  
23 organization with which the service officer is placed, and the  
24 service officer shall be under the direct control of that  
25 veterans service organization.

26 (c) A service officer whose position is funded under this  
27 Section must be certified by the federal government in the  
28 manner in which the head service officer of each office is  
29 certified.

30 (d) To be eligible to receive any moneys for the funding of  
31 a service officer position under this Section, a veterans  
32 service organization must have maintained a state headquarters

1 in this State for at least 10 years before July 1, 2005. A  
2 veterans service organization that is being funded with State  
3 or county moneys under any other provision of law on the  
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General  
5 Assembly may not receive any moneys for the funding of a  
6 service officer position under this Section.